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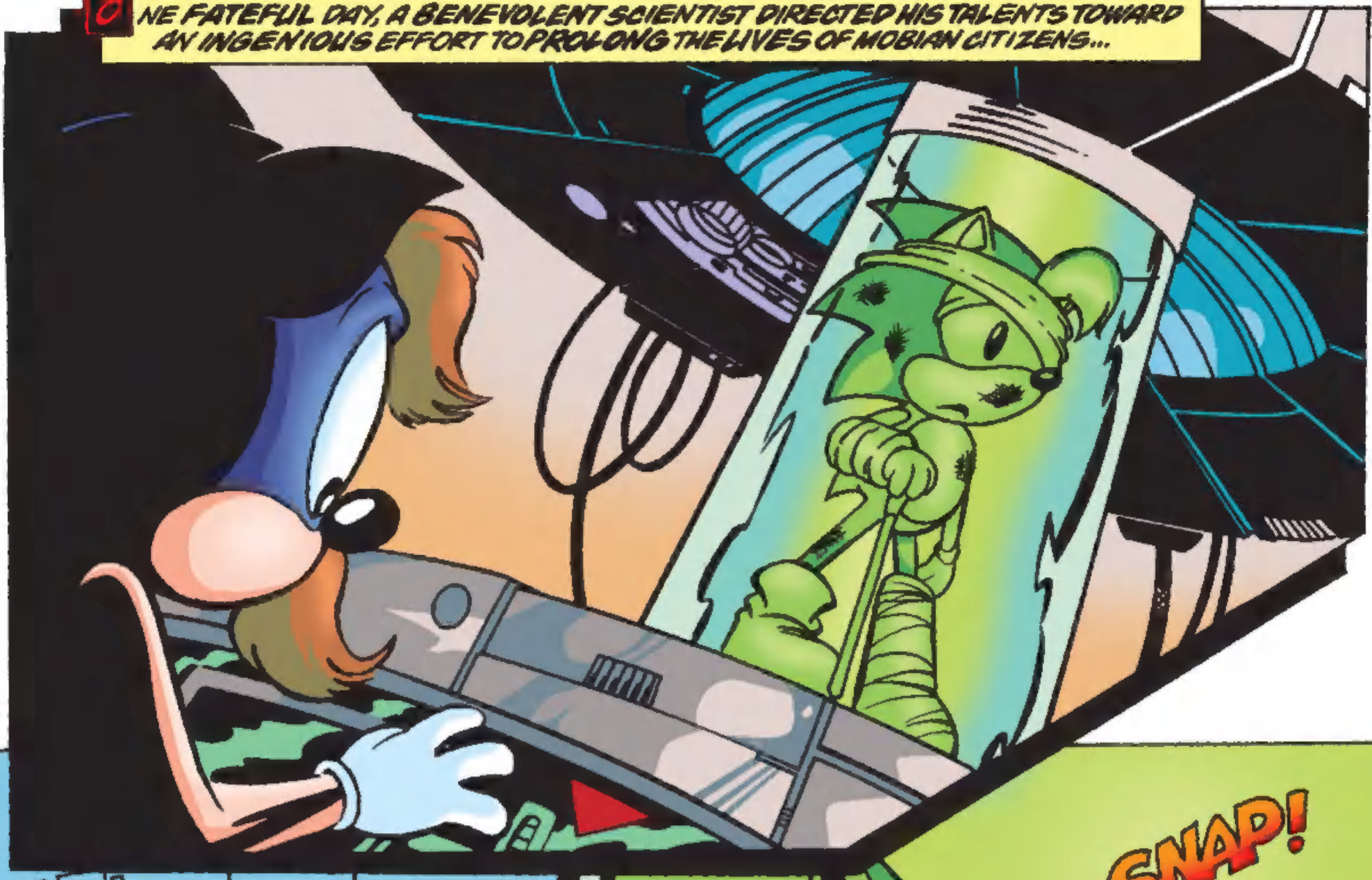
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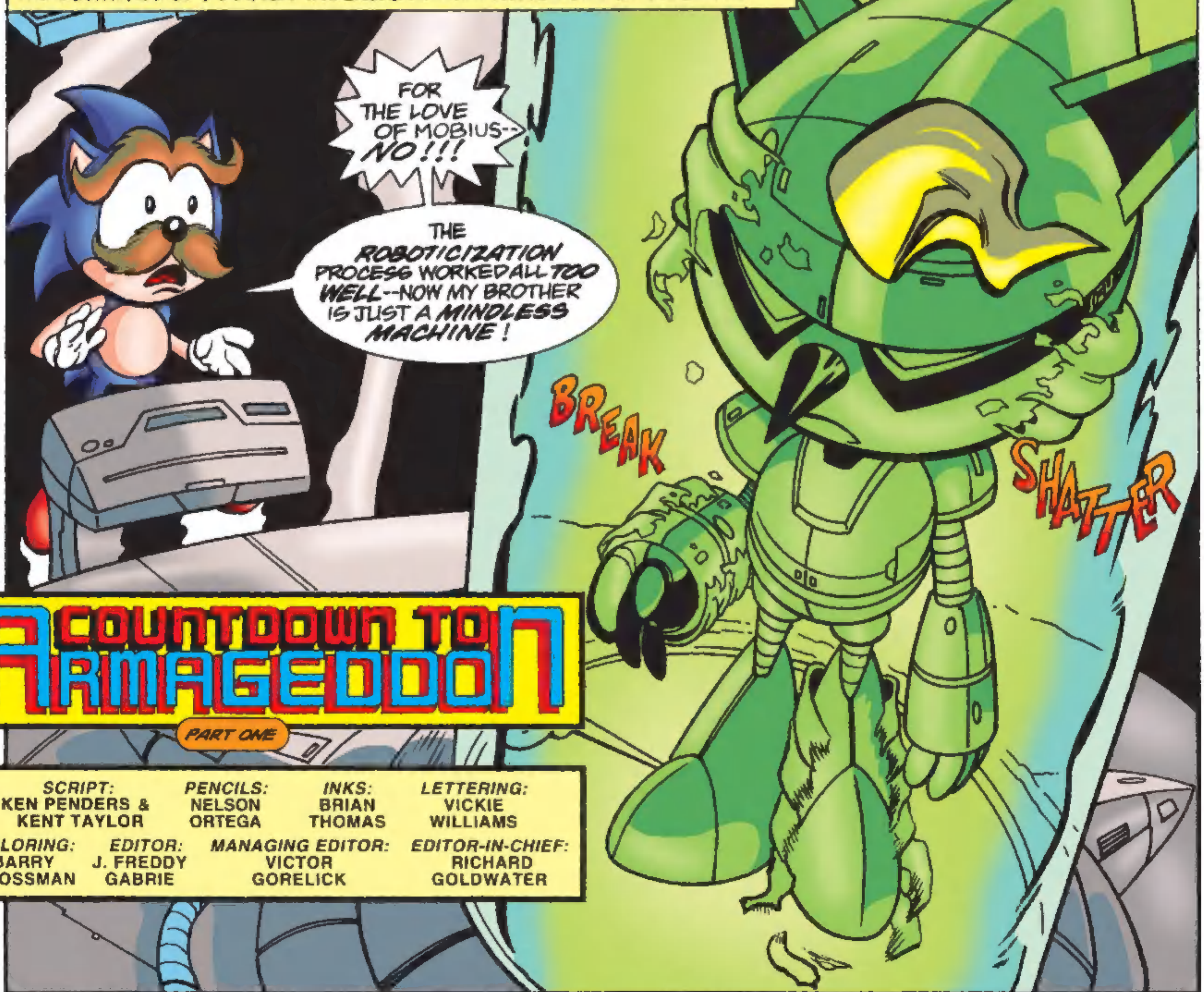


SPAZ
HARUD

ON ONE FATEFUL DAY, A BENEVOLENT SCIENTIST DIRECTED HIS TALENTS TOWARD AN INGENUOUS EFFORT TO PROLONG THE LIVES OF MOBIAN CITIZENS...



...AND IN DOING SO, INADVERTENTLY CREATED AN INSTRUMENT OF DOMINATION, USED AS PART OF A SWEEPING TIDE OF TYRANNY, SIGNALING THE DOWNFALL OF PLANET MOBIUS AND ITS KINGDOM OF ACORN!



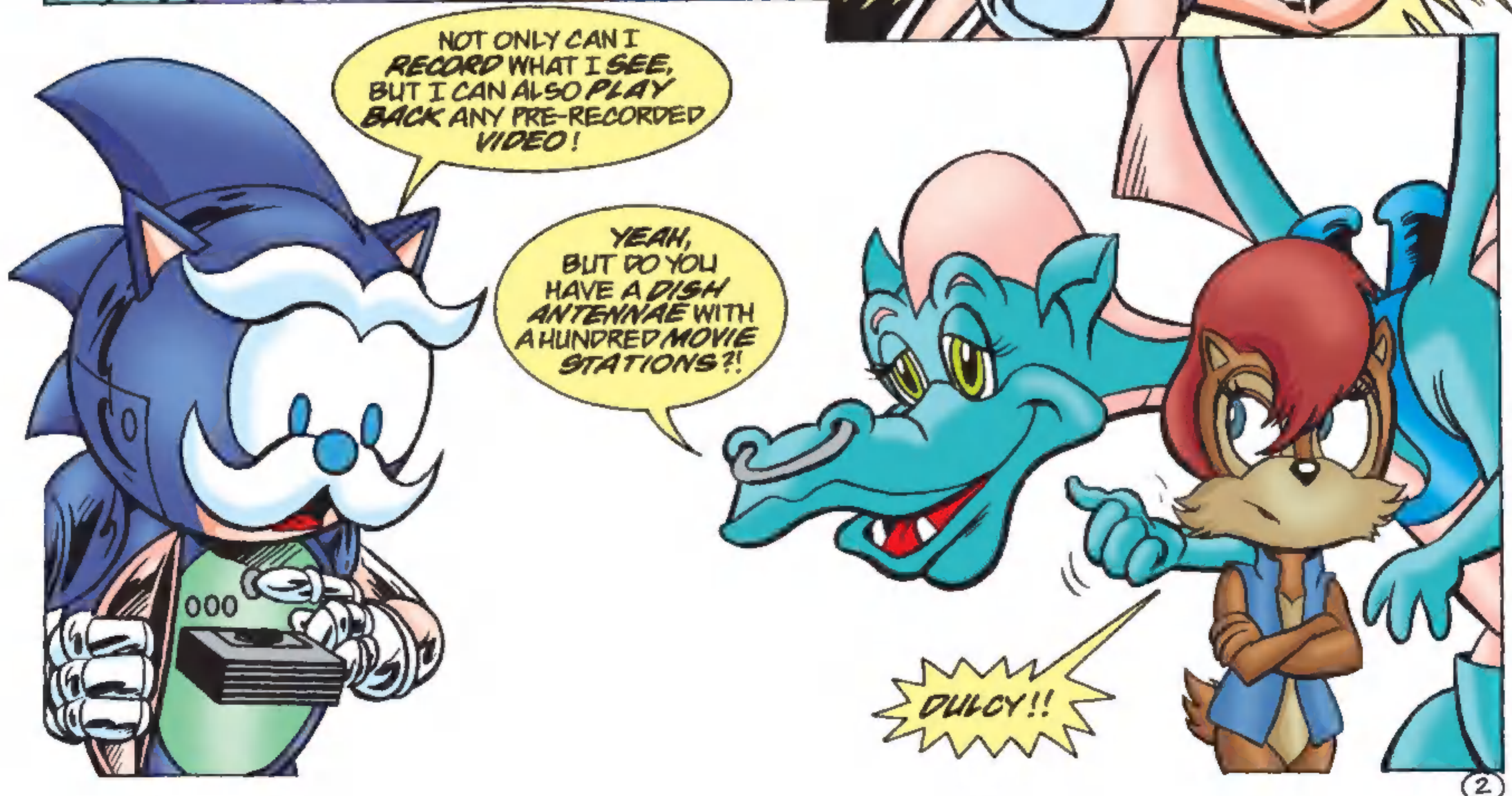
FOR THE LOVE OF MOBIUS--
NO!!!

THE ROBOTICIZATION PROCESS WORKED ALL TOO WELL--NOW MY BROTHER IS JUST A MINDLESS MACHINE!

A COUNTDOWN TO ARMAGEDDON

PART ONE

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NOT QUITE,
HOWEVER--

--RETRIEVED FROM
ROBOTROPOLIS BY MY SPY
NETWORK, THIS VIDEO IS
A BY-PRODUCT OF A SECRET
SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM
USED IN THE FORMER
ROYAL PALACE--

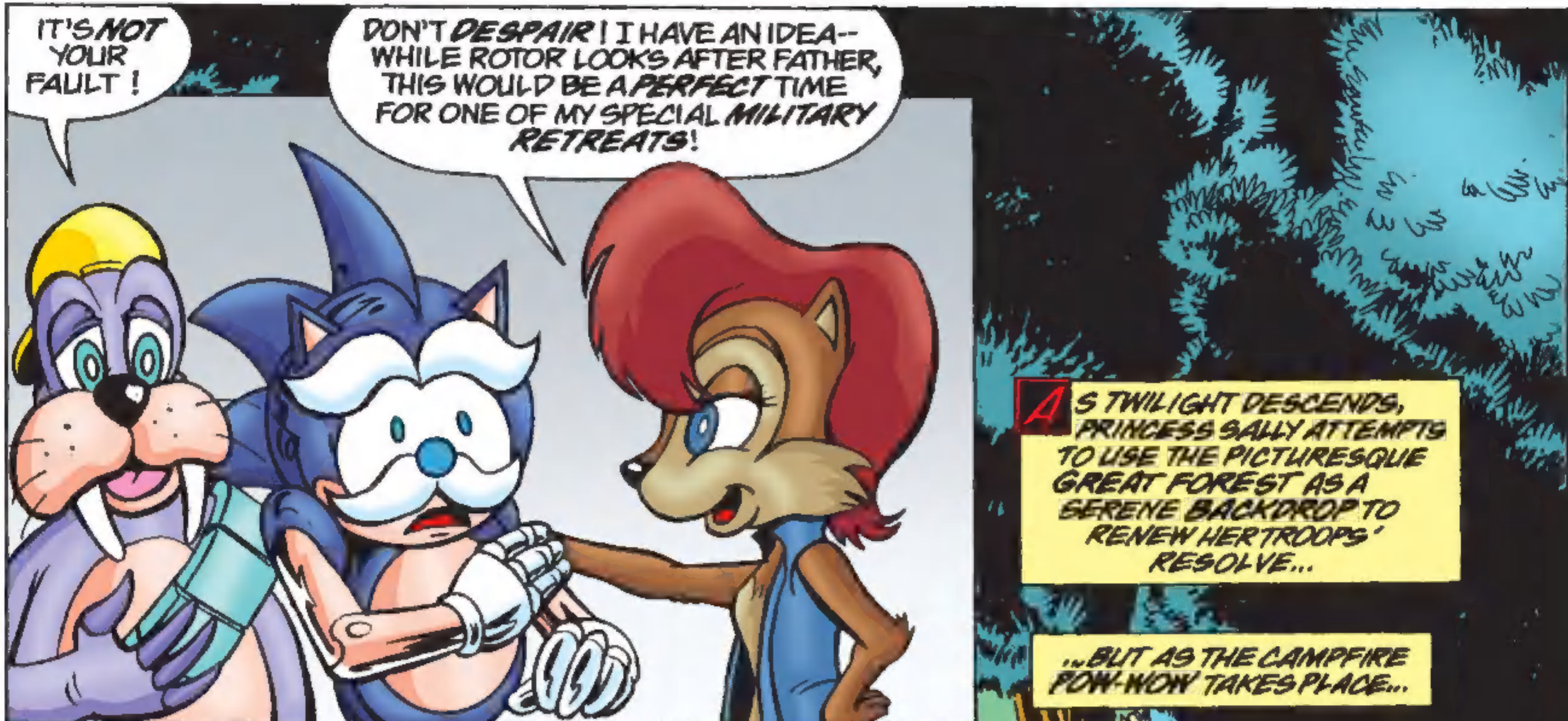
"--AND PROVIDES PROOF THAT
ROBOTNIK, IN HIS FORMER
IDENTITY AS **WARLORD
JULIAN**, SABOTAGED MY
ORIGINAL ROBOTICIZER!"

"IT WAS HIS INTERVENTION
THAT TRANSFORMED A
TOOL OF MEDICINE INTO A
WEAPON OF WAR."

AND EXCEPT FOR A
FEW TIMES WHEN WE WERE
LUCKY*, I DON'T THINK
WE'LL EVER BE ABLE TO
DEROBOTICIZE ALL
THOSE POOR SOULS!

SOME
HUMANITARIAN
I AM!

* CHECK OUT
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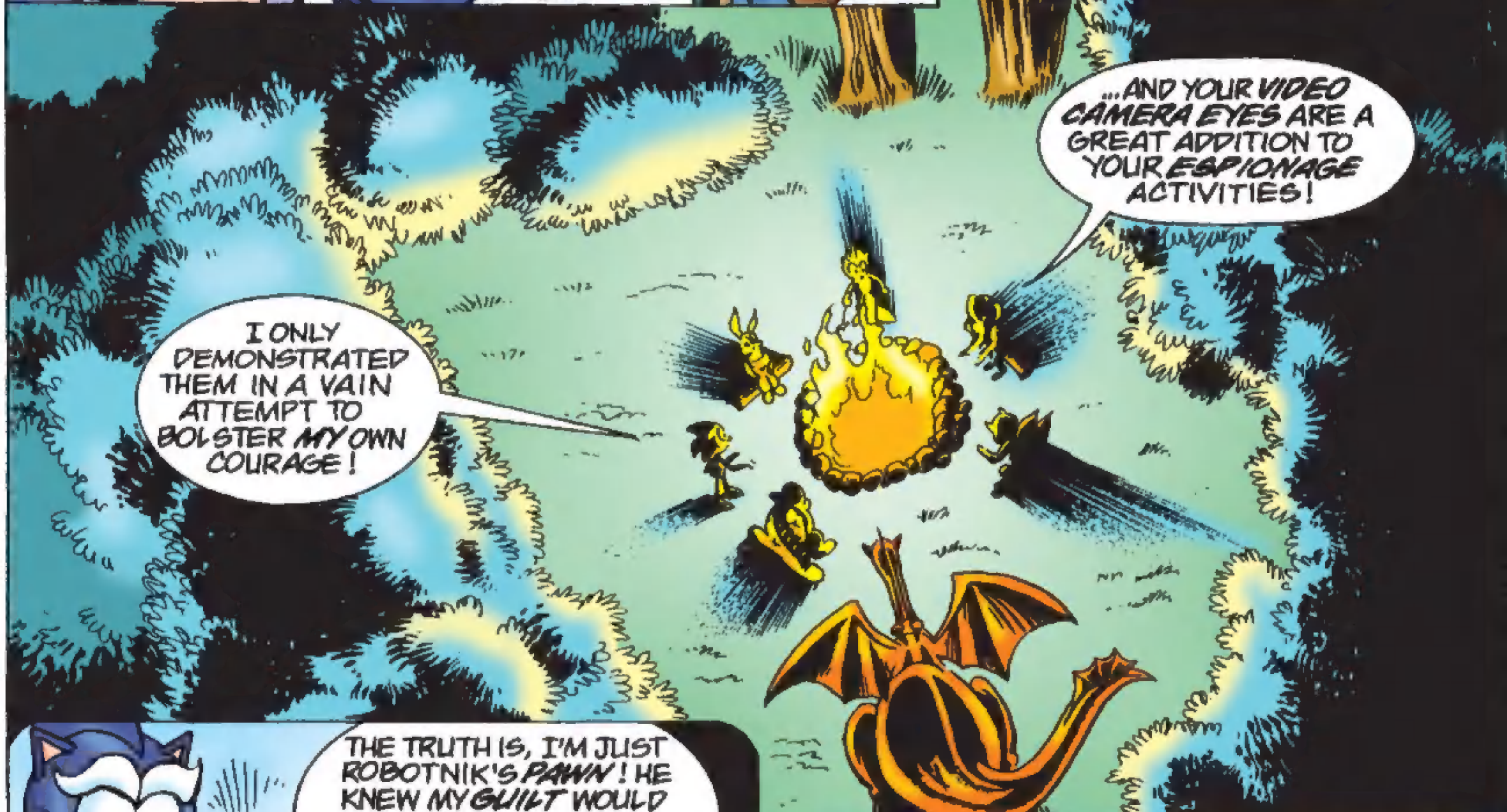


IT'S *NOT* YOUR FAULT!

DON'T *DESPAIR*! I HAVE AN IDEA--WHILE ROTOR LOOKS AFTER FATHER, THIS WOULD BE A *PERFECT* TIME FOR ONE OF MY SPECIAL *MILITARY RETREATS*!

AS TWILIGHT DESCENDS, PRINCESS SALLY ATTEMPTS TO USE THE PICTURESQUE GREAT FOREST AS A SERENE BACKDROP TO RENEW HER TROOPS' RESOLVE...

...BUT AS THE CAMPFIRE POW-WOW TAKES PLACE...



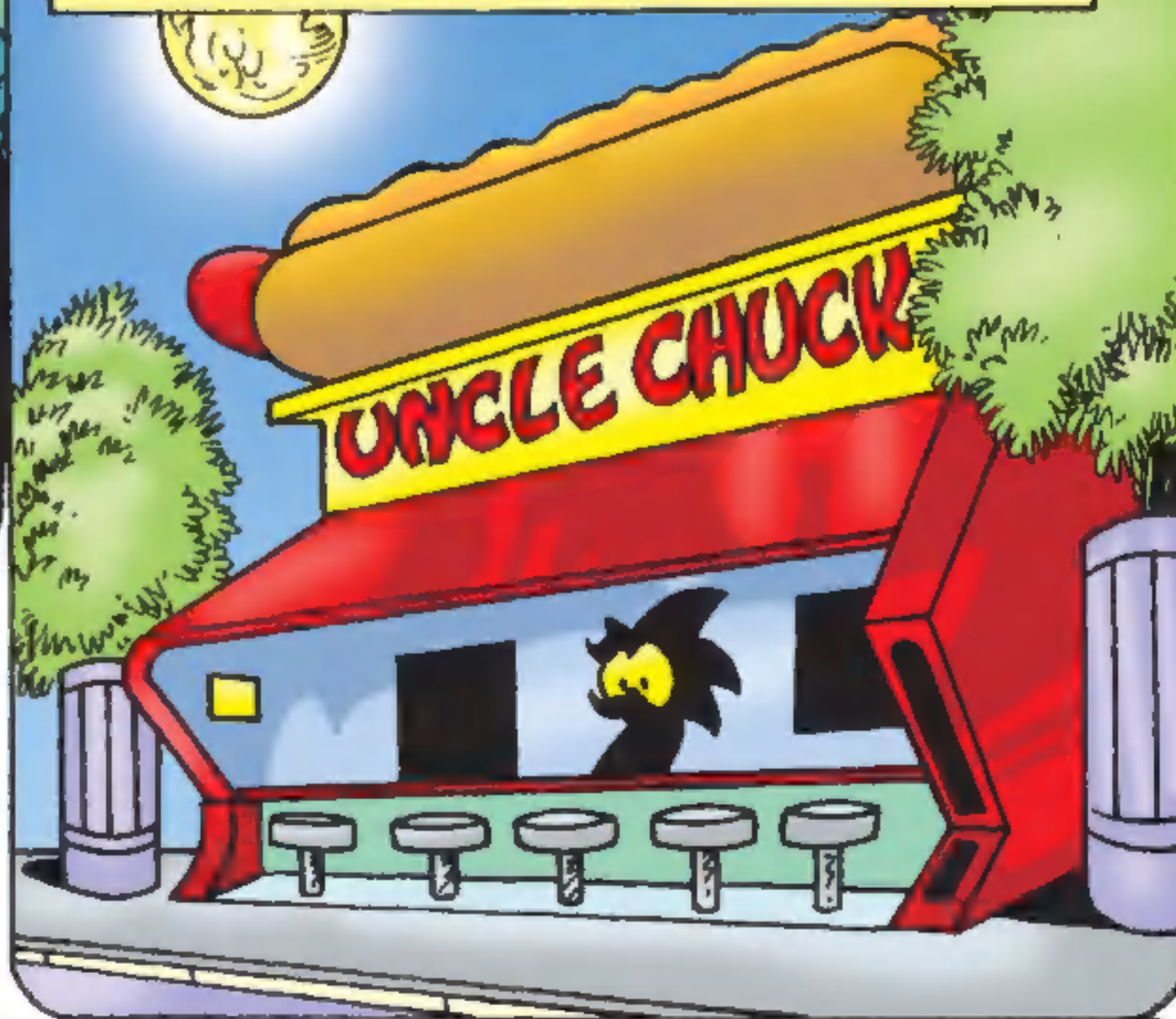
I ONLY DEMONSTRATED THEM IN A VAIN ATTEMPT TO BOLSTER MY OWN COURAGE!

...AND YOUR VIDEO CAMERA EYES ARE A GREAT ADDITION TO YOUR ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES!



THE TRUTH IS, I'M JUST ROBOTNIK'S *PAWN*! HE KNEW MY *GUILT* WOULD FORCE ME TO *RESIGN* MY POSITION AS THE KINGDOM'S *SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR*!

"SO I SUPPRESSED MY REMORSE BY TRANSFORMING FROM *SUR CHARLES*, INVENTOR, TO *UNCLE CHUCK*, *CHILI-DOG PROPRIETOR*!"

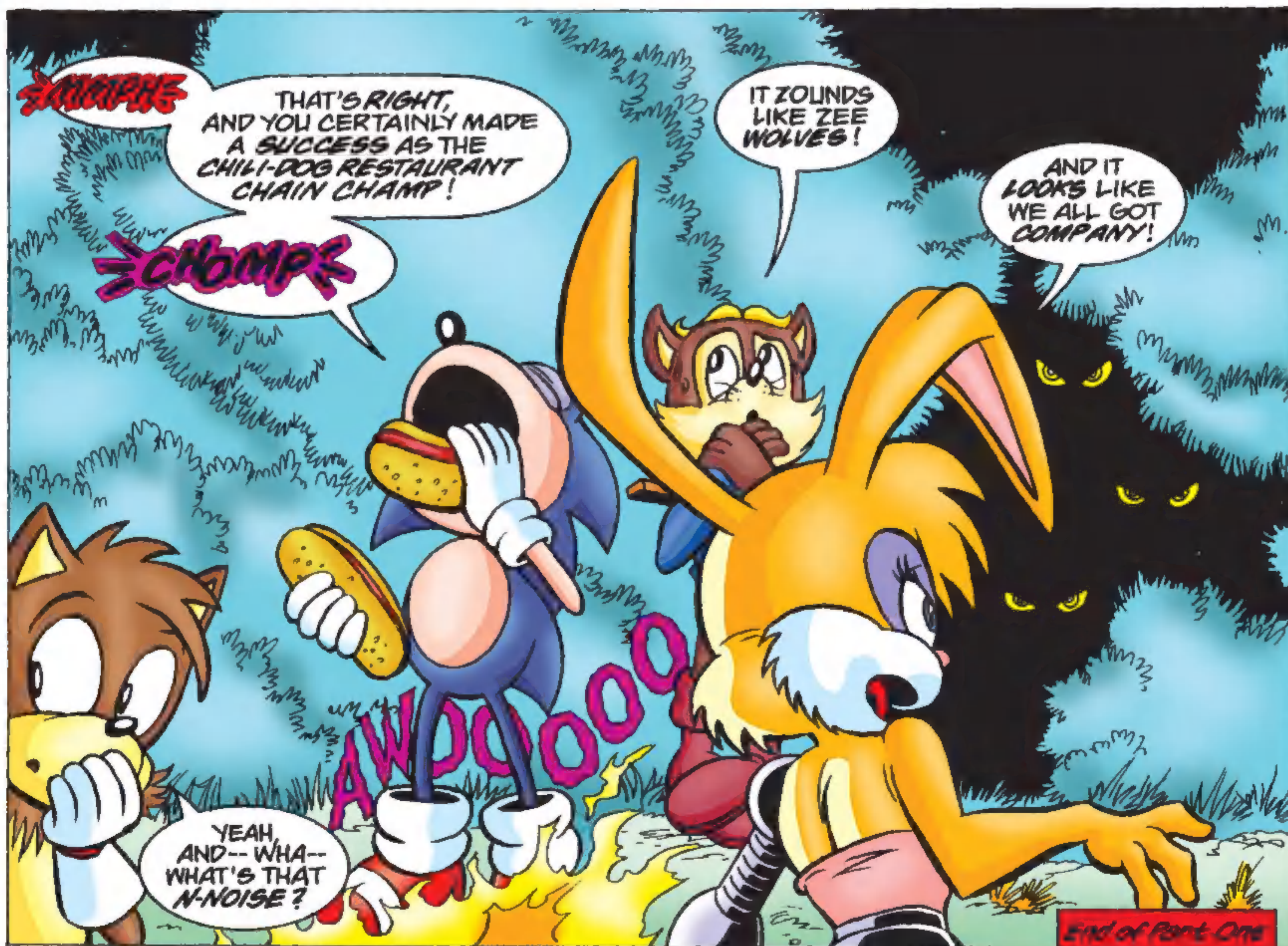




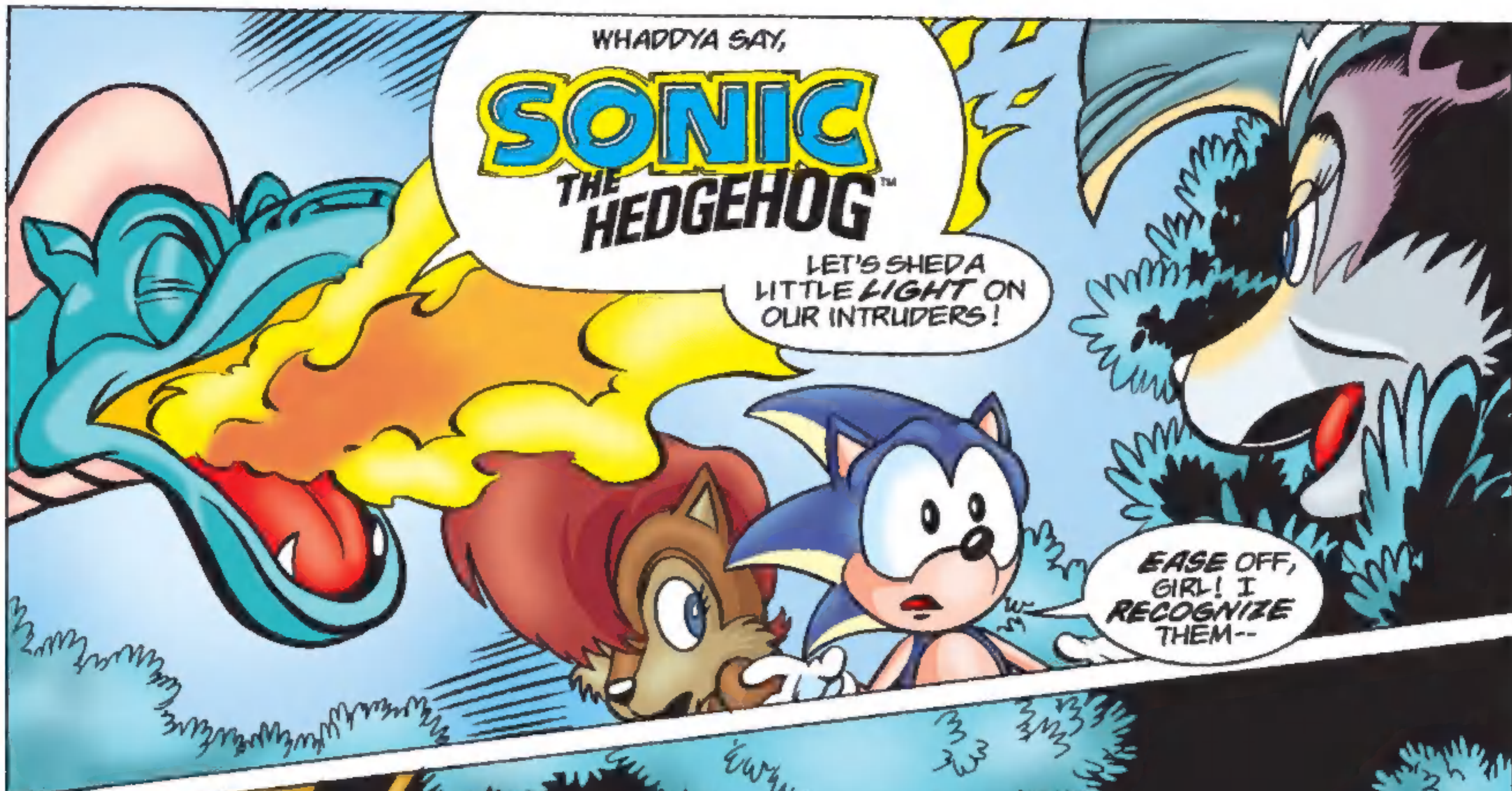
* SONIC #42--EDITOR AGAIN!



* SONICQUEST #1-3 (LIMITED SERIES)--ED.



END OF PART ONE



*FIRST SEEN IN THE ANIMATED EPISODE "CRY OF THE WOLF". EDITOR.

A COUNTDOWN TO ARMAGEDDON

PART TWO

AS THE COVERT GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS DETAIL THEIR RECENT CONFLICT...

--AND ROBOTNIK'S BUILDING A NEW LINE OF SUPER 'BOTS!

I HOPE THEY'RE NOT WORSE THAN HIS COMBOTS!*



*LAST SEEN IN SONIC #38-- EDITOR.

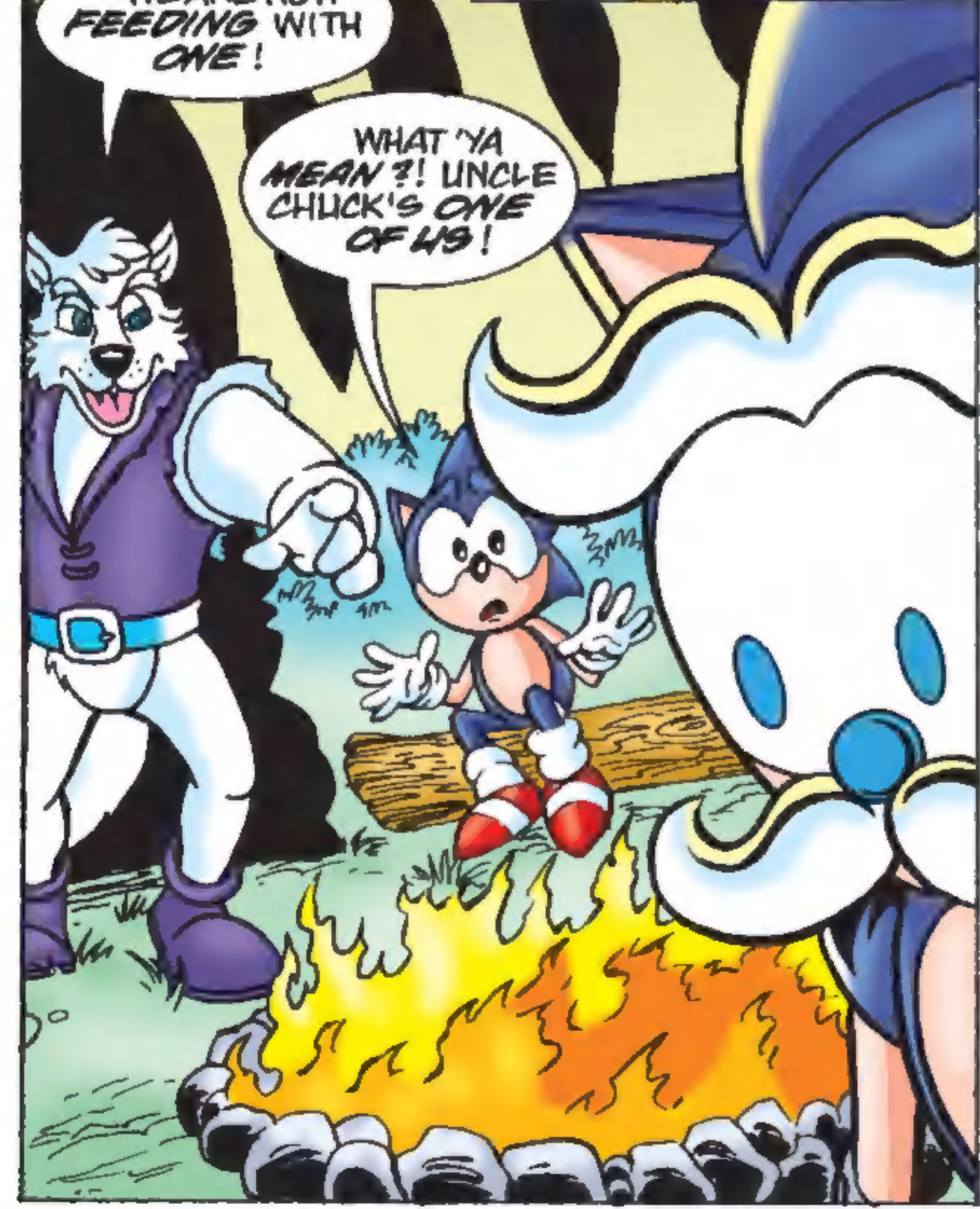
DRAGO, DON'T YA LIKE YER CHILI DO--ER--CHILI WIENER?

YES, WHAT'S DISTURBING ME IS THAT AFTER LEAVING A DEN OF ROBOTS--



--WE ARE NOW FEEDING WITH ONE!

WHAT 'YA MEAN?! UNCLE CHUCK'S ONE OF US!



REALLY? HOW DO YOU KNOW HE'S NOT ROBOTNIK'S SPY?

BECAUSE I SAY SO, TOUGH GUY!

--AND WHEN SONIC THE AMATEUR, SPEAKS, PEOPLE LISTEN!



NOW TAKE MY
PROFESSIONAL
ADVICE--CLIT DOWN ON
THE CAMPFIRE BEFORE
YOU ATTRACT THE **ENTIRE**
PLANET!

GEOFFREY
ST. JOHN*, WHAT
ARE YOU DOING
HERE?



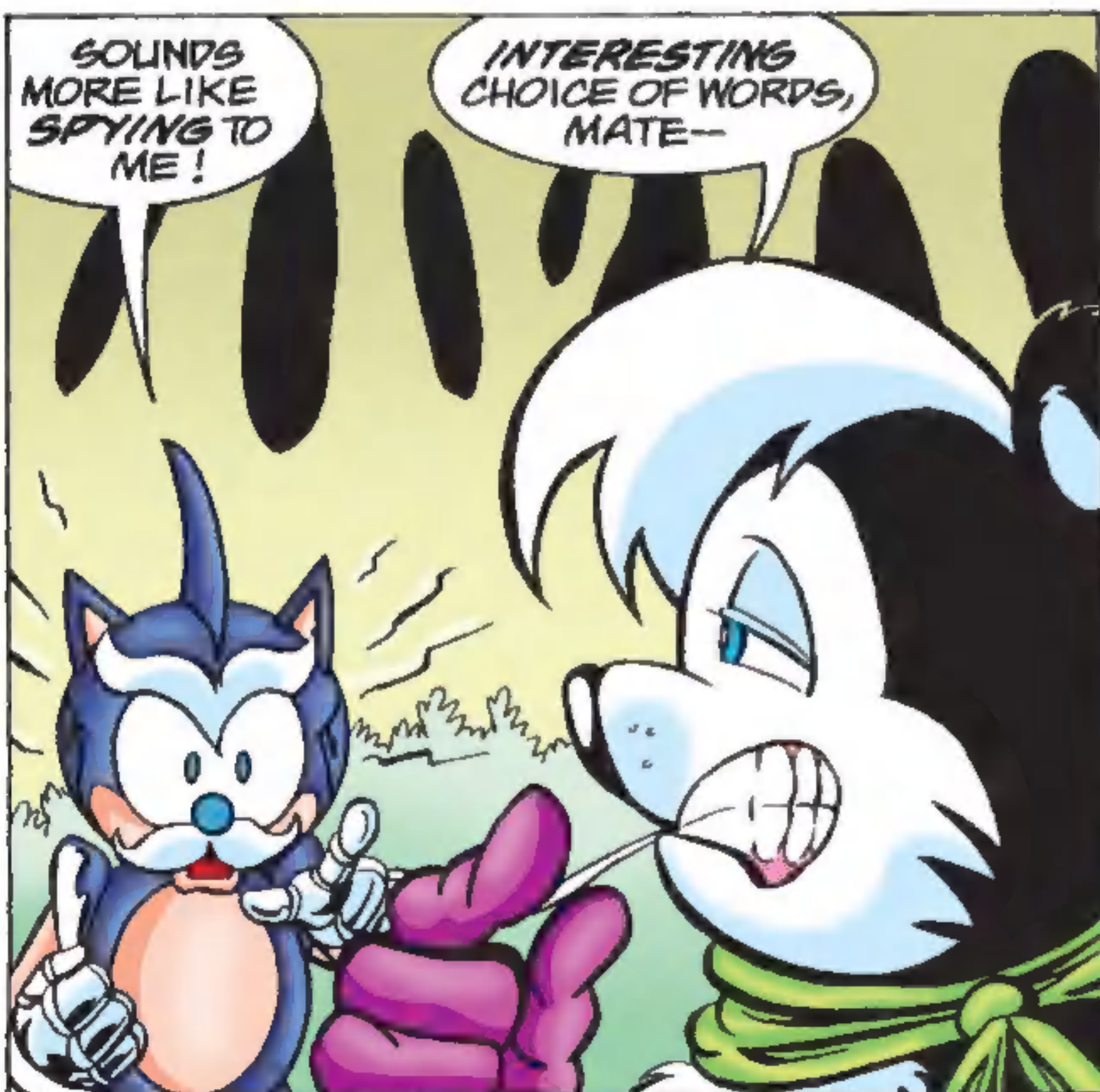
*REMEMBER HIM, GANG? HE FIRST
APPEARED IN THE PRINCESS SALLY MINI-
SERIES, AND HAS BEEN A PAIN IN SONIC'S
SIDE SINCE ISSUE #31! -- EDITOR.



HELLO,
LUV!



I GUESS YOU COULD SAY
I'VE BEEN DOING A BIT OF
"SLEUTH-ING" BY "DOG-GEDLY"
FOLLOWING **CHUCKIE'S**
EVERY MOVE!



SOUNDS
MORE LIKE
SPYING
TO
ME!

INTERESTING
CHOICE OF WORDS,
MATE--



--ESPECIALLY SINCE
THE **AGENT** WHO UNCOVERED
YOUR VIDEO WAS ONE OF
ROBOTNIK'S SPIES--**SLEUTH**
DOGGY DOG!

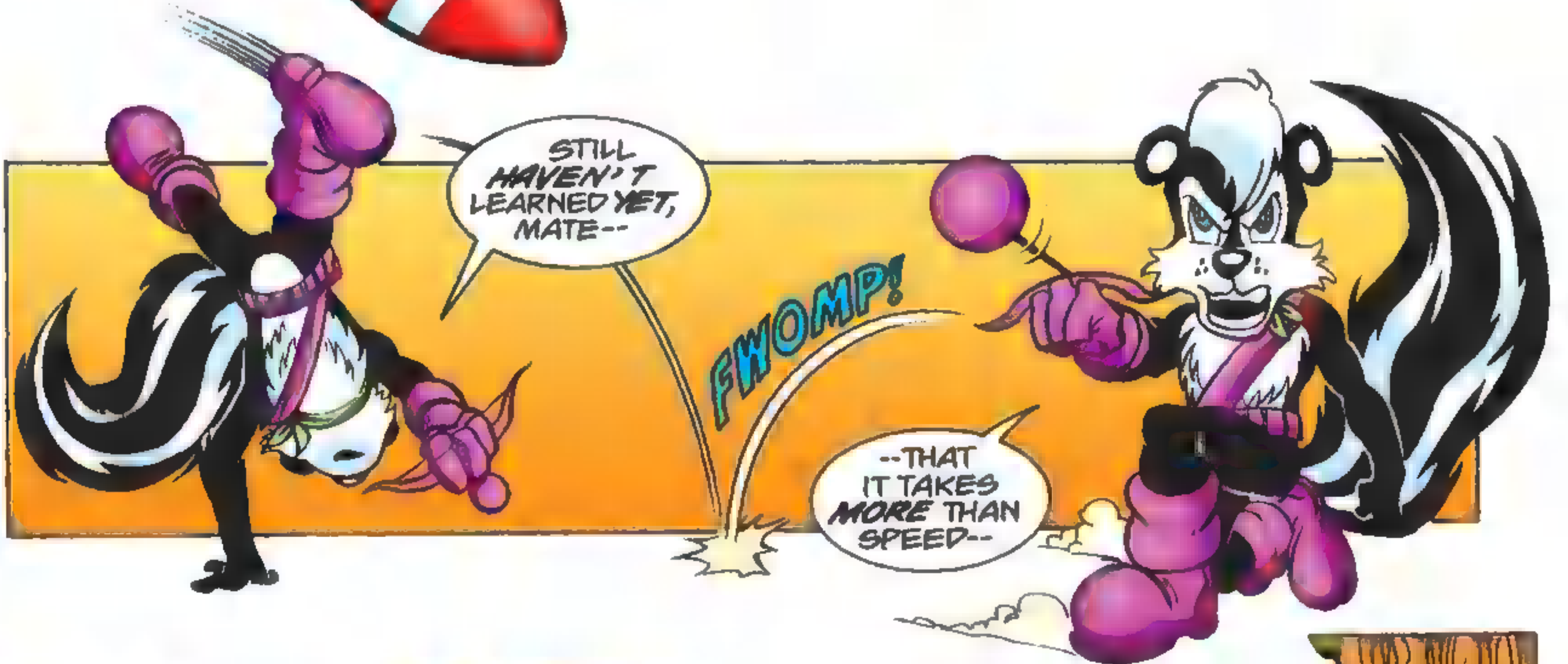
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TRUE?





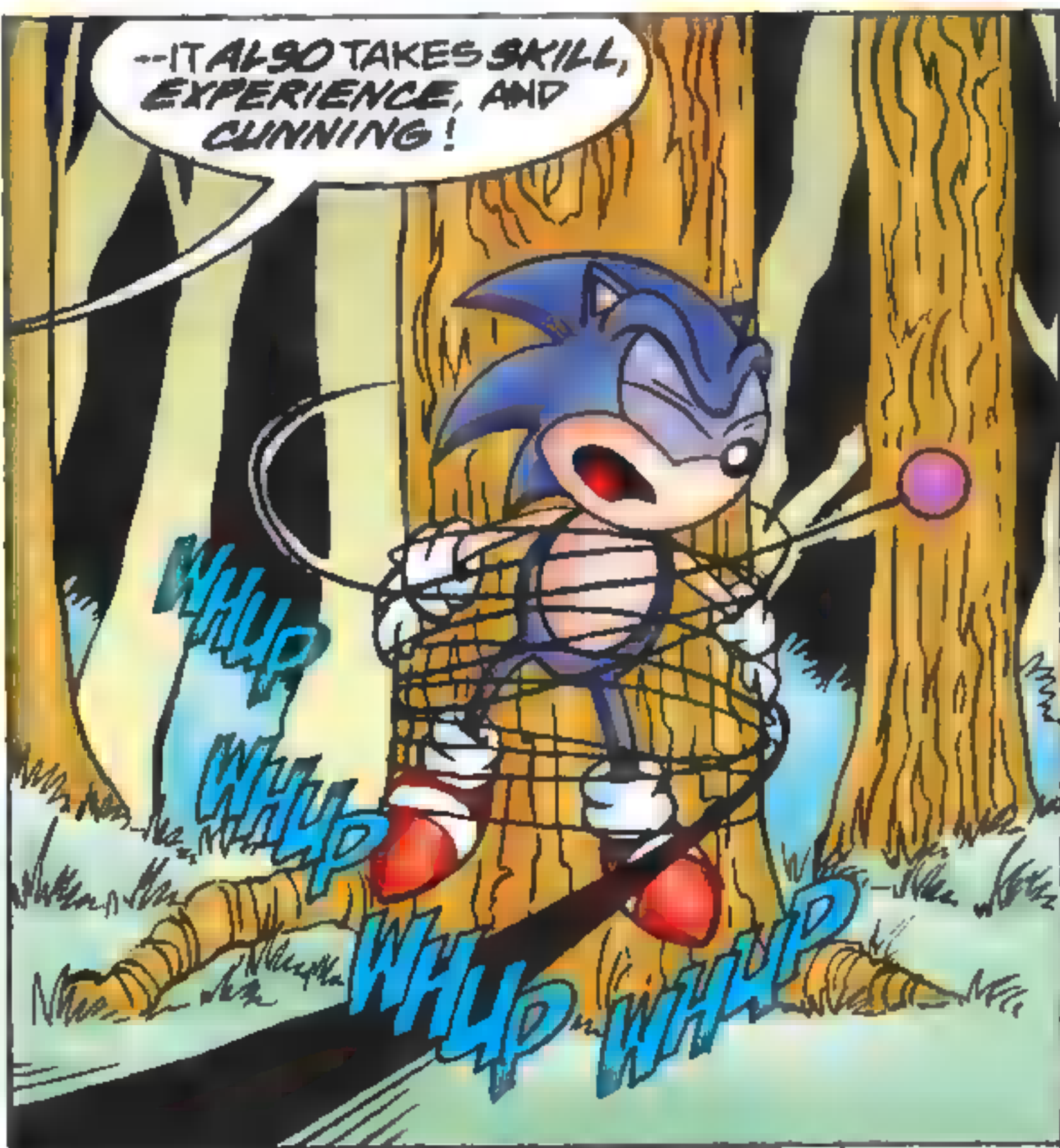
WELL, ~~YOUR~~ HEAD'S GOING TO BE SLICKING DIRT!

WHUFF



STILL HAVEN'T LEARNED YET, MATE--

--THAT IT TAKES MORE THAN SPEED--



--IT ALSO TAKES SKILL, EXPERIENCE, AND CUNNING!



TOO BAD IT'S THE LAST LESSON YOU'LL EVER LEARN!

GEOFFREY! NO!

A COUNTDOWN TO 17 ARMAGEDDON

PART THREE

THAT EES
ENOUGH!

THE 'EDGEHOG MAY
BE ZEE IMBECILE
LIKE YOU, BUT EVEN
HE DOES NOT DESAIRVE
DEATH!

SAVED AND INSULTED
IN THE ~~SAVE~~ SECOND...
NOW THAT ~~THE~~ SPEED!

THRACK!

WOW! WOTTA
PUNCH!

WHAT'S YOUR
PROBLEM, MATE?
THIS DOESN'T
INVOLVE YOU!

MY PROBLEM
IS WITH YOU,
L'PEW.

I WILL NO
LONGER SUBDU
MY DOUBTS ABOUT
YOU!

YOU DAIRE TO SAY
UNCLE CHUCK IS
ZEE TRAITOR?

NO! IT IS YOU
WHO ARE ZEE
SPY!

HOW
CAN THAT
BE?



YEARS AGO, ZEE TOP GENERAL AND CLOSE FRIEND CONVINCED ZEE KING THAT ONE DAY HE MIGHT NEED ZEE ~~FEEL~~ UNDERGROUND...



I WAS '15 CADET-IN-TRAINING, PREPARING FOR ZEE DAY WHEN THE KINGDOM MIGHT BE ATTACKED FROM HER ENEMIES...

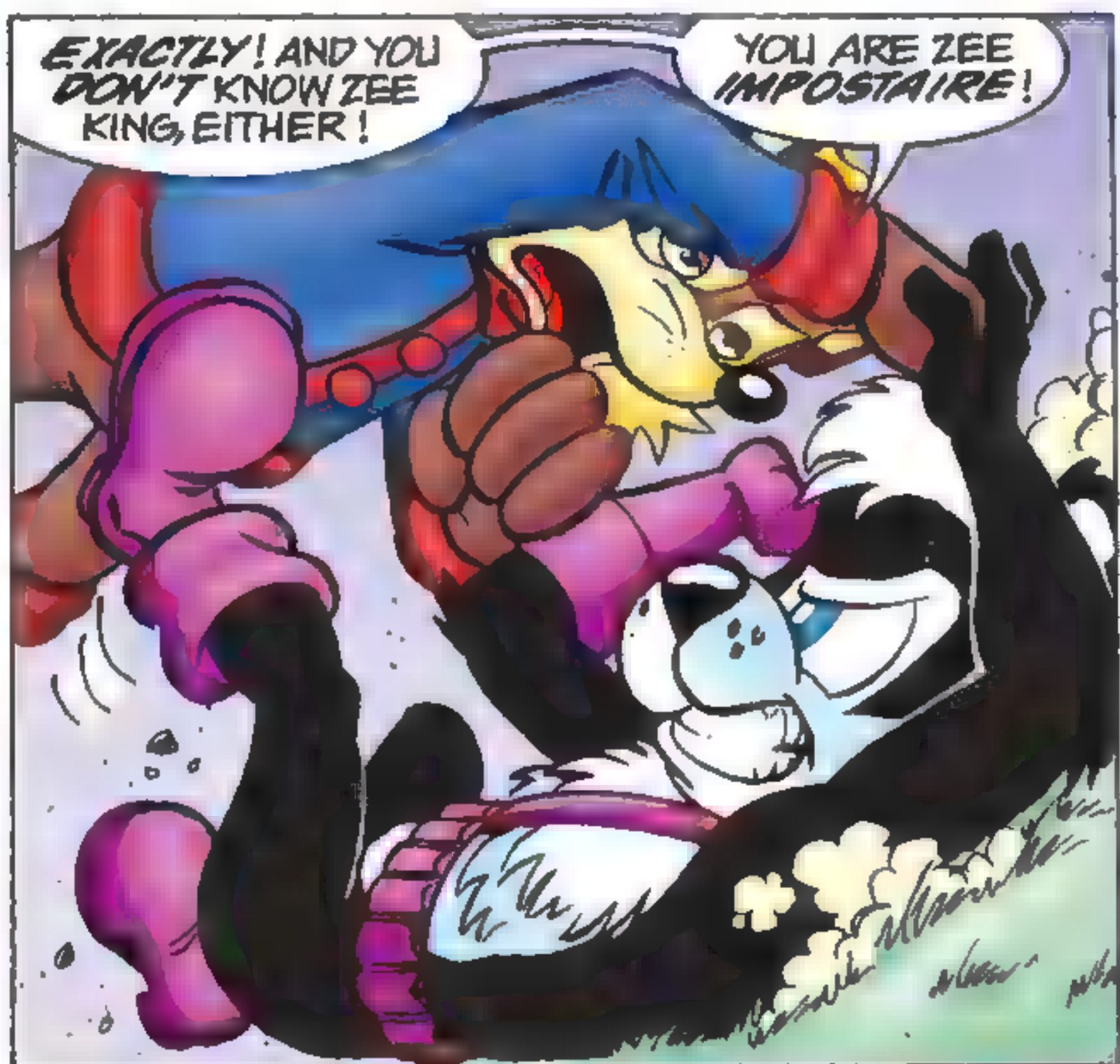


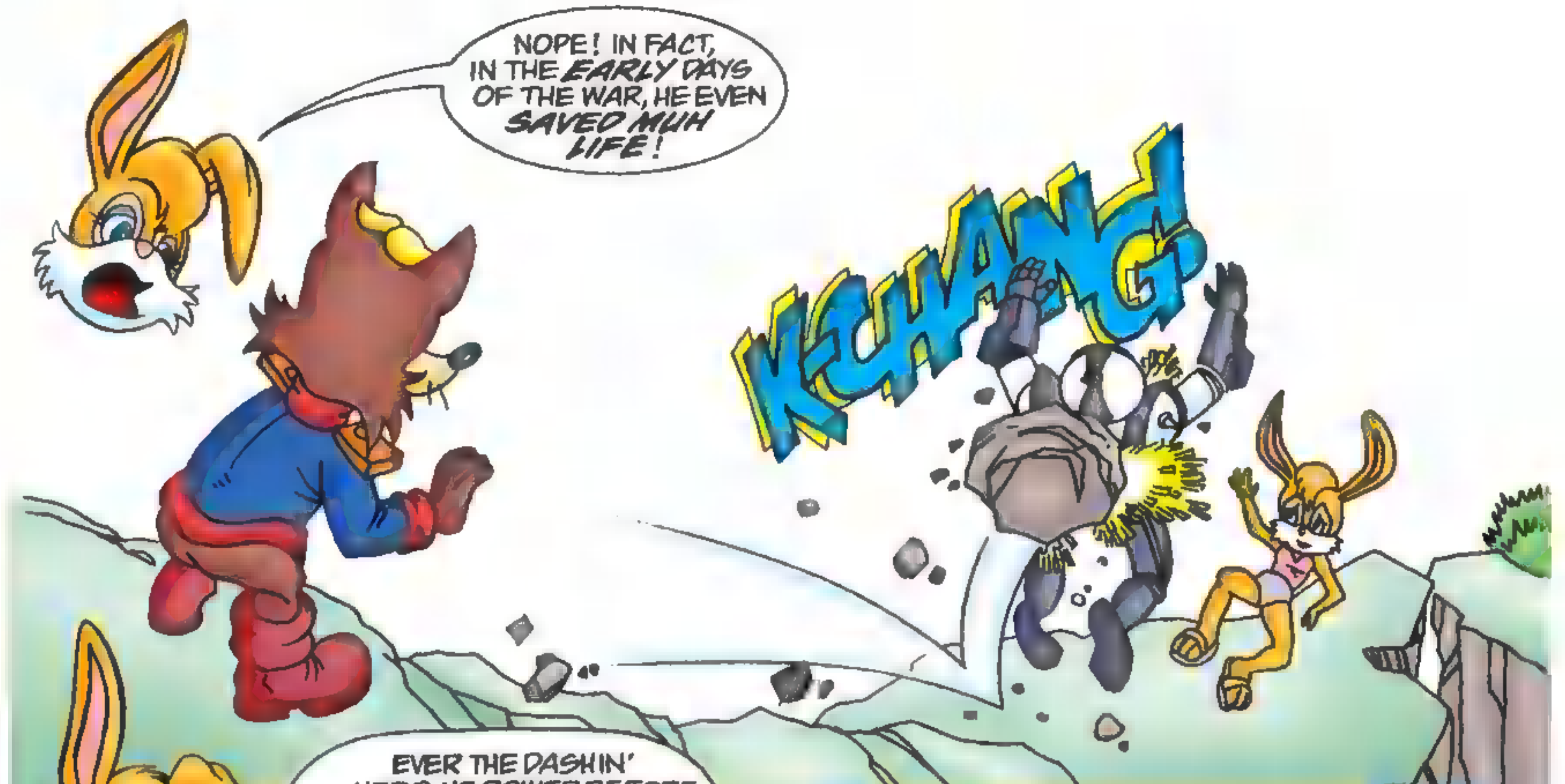
BEFORE THE UNDERGROUND WAS ESTABLISHED, HOWEVAIRE, THAT GENERAL BECAME ZEE CASUALTY OF ROBOTNIK'S WAR!



THEN YOU SHOW--
POOF!-- CLAIMING TO BE ITS LEADER!*

WHO WAS THIS "SUPPOSED" GENERAL, MATE?

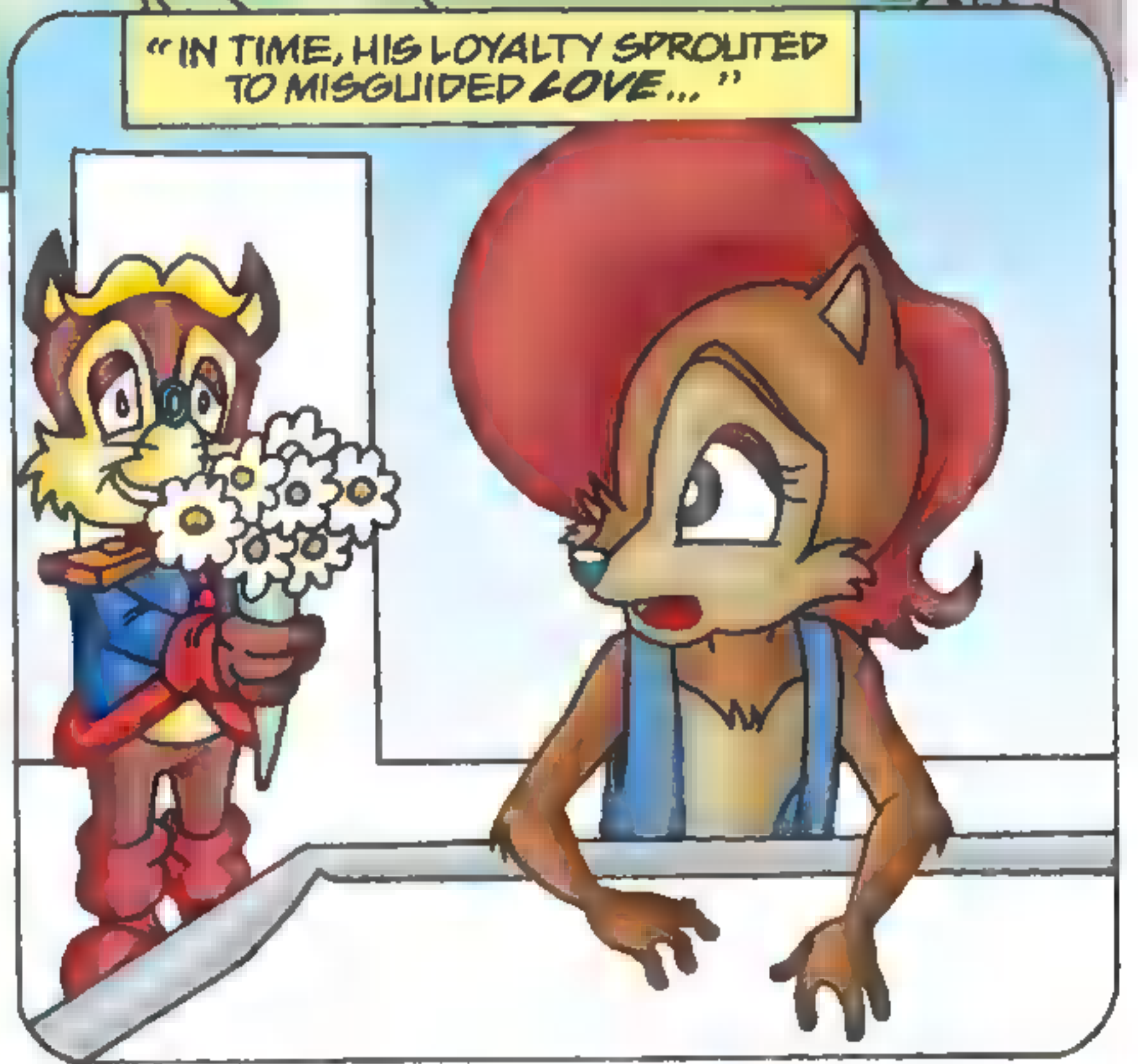




NOPE! IN FACT, IN THE *EARLY* DAYS OF THE WAR, HE EVEN *SAVED* MUH LIFE!



EVER THE DASHIN' HERO, HE BOWED BEFORE *ROYALTY*, OFFERING HIS *HONOR* AND *COURAGE* TO *RESTORE* THE REALM!



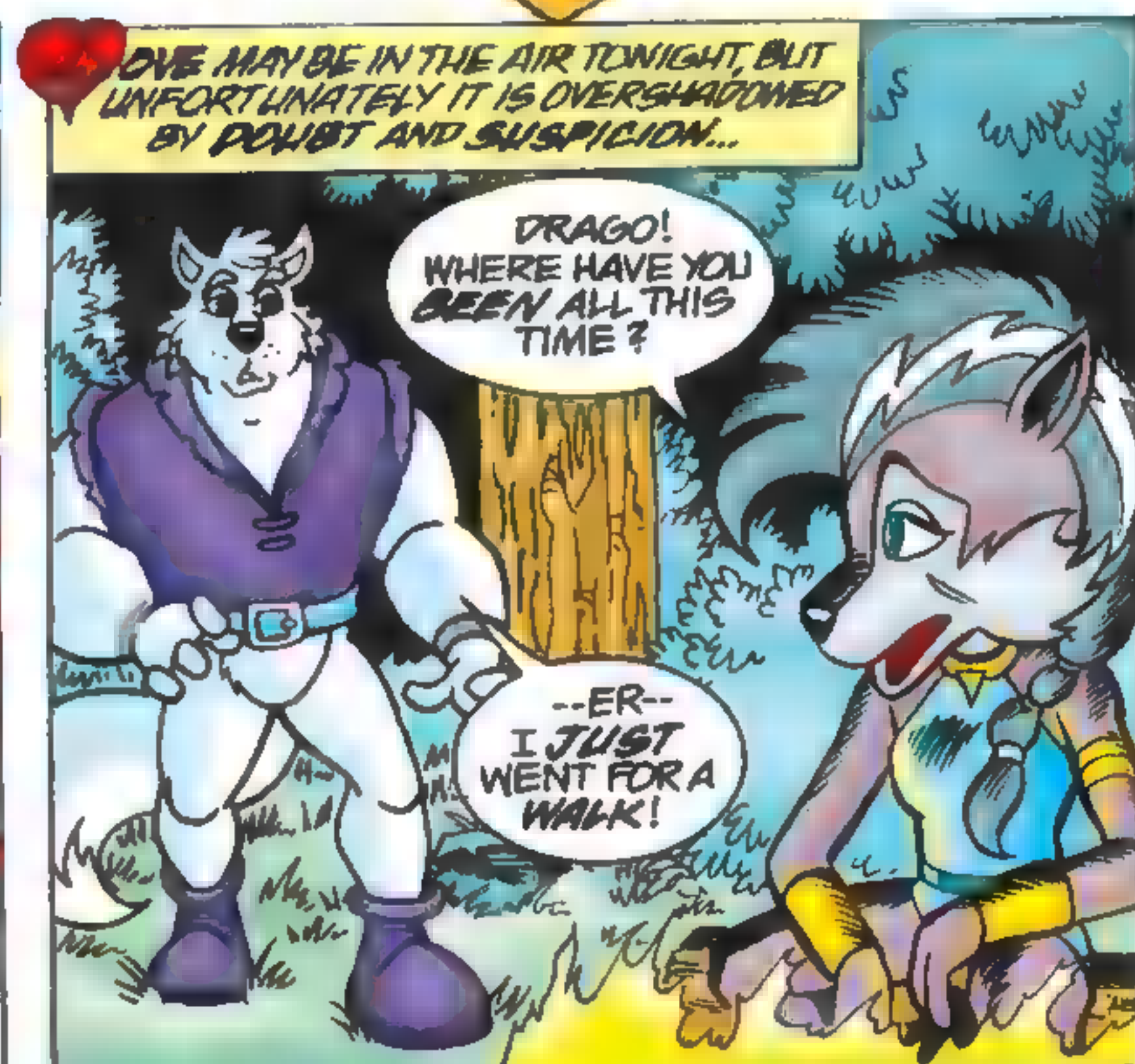
"IN TIME, HIS LOYALTY SPROUTED TO MISGUIDED LOVE..."



BUT WITHOUT THE LOVE HE CRAVED FROM SALLY OR HIS MISSING FATHER, HE KINDA-- *LOST* HIS WAY!

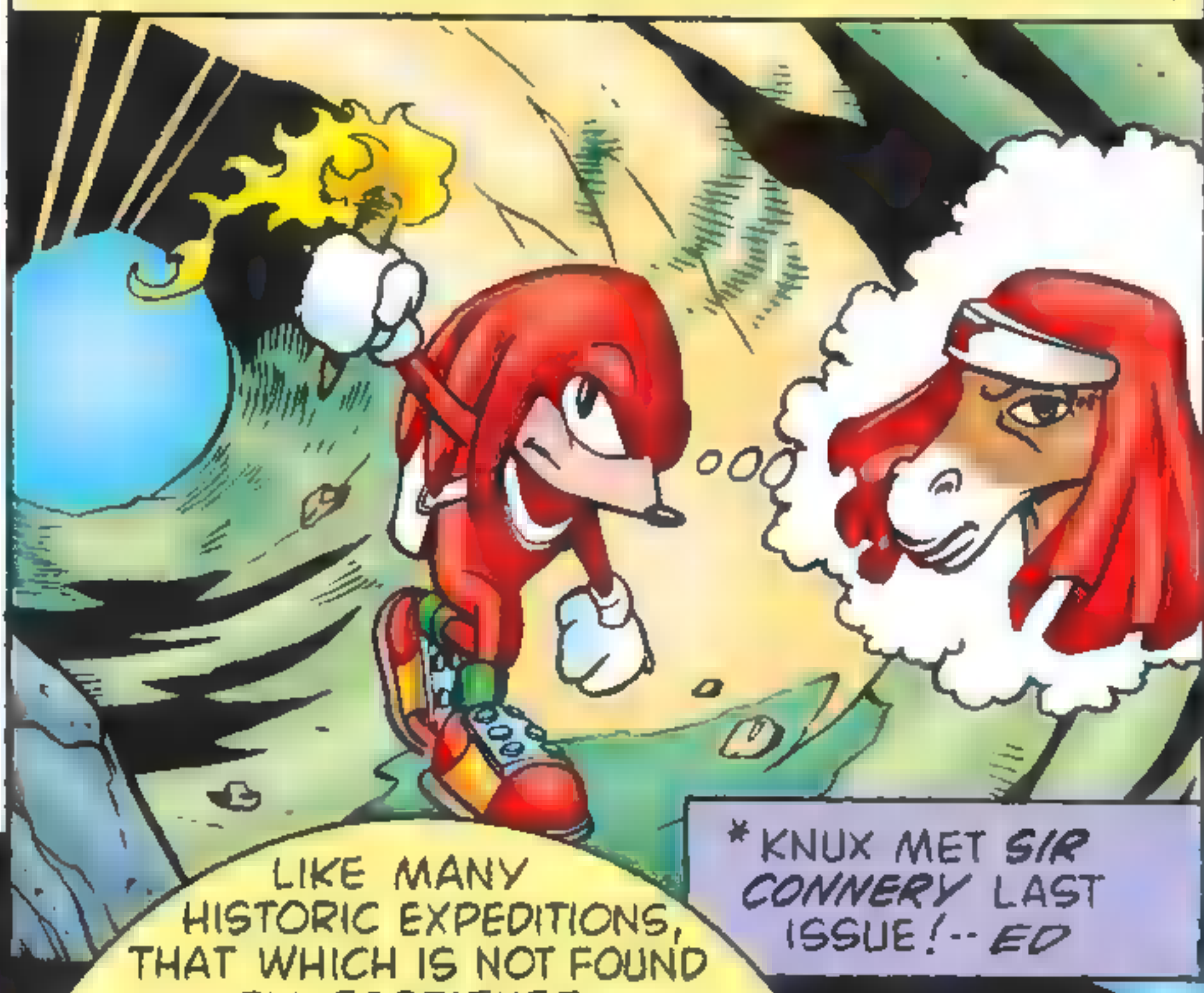


GOSH, I *NEVER* KNEW! MAYBE I SHOULD SAY *SOMETHING* TO HIM! NO-- I'LL GO...





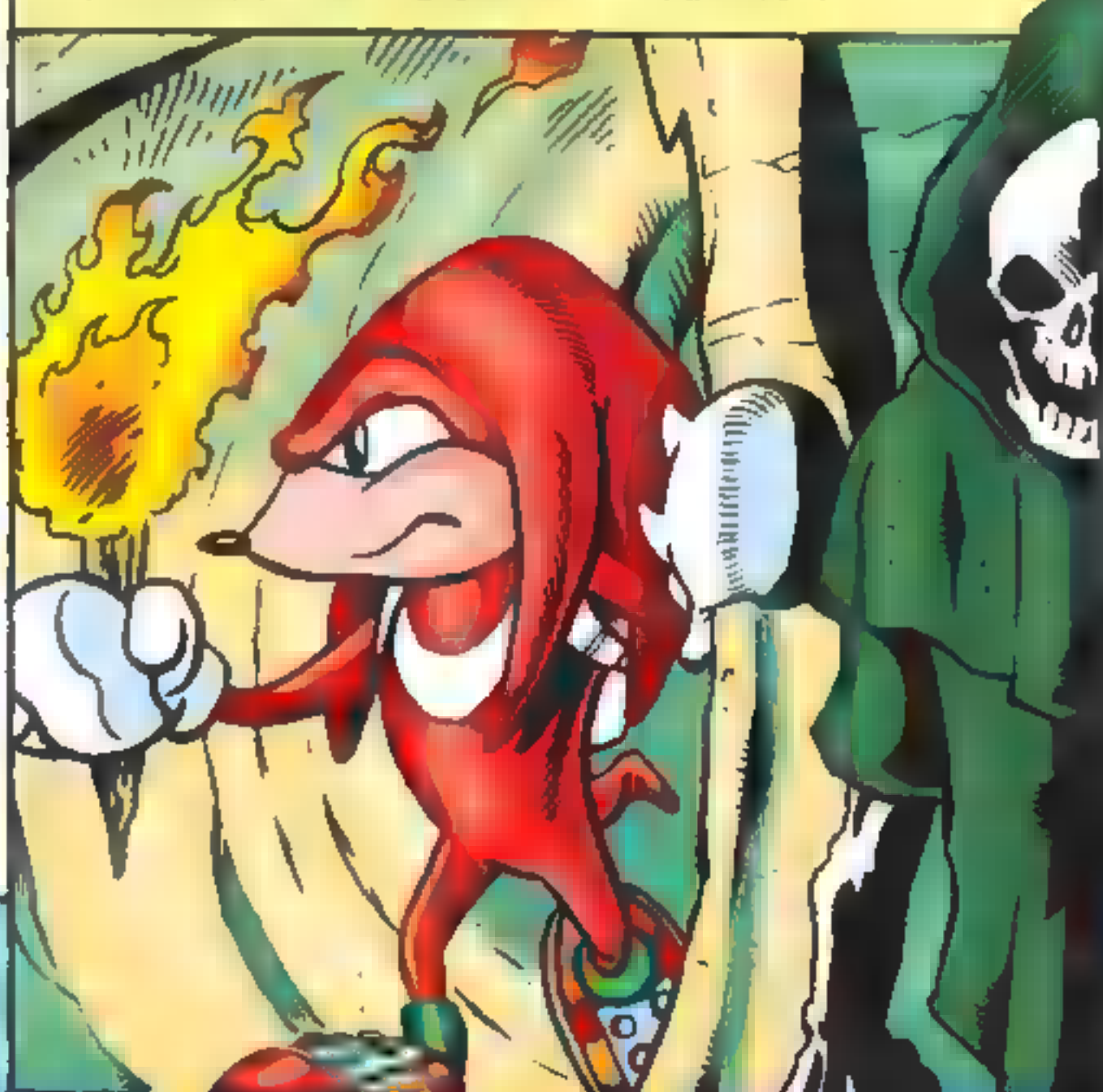
ON A QUEST TO FIND KING ACORN'S MAGIC SWORD, DESTINY DECREED KNUCKLES WOULD MEET A PALADIN!



LIKE MANY HISTORIC EXPEDITIONS, THAT WHICH IS NOT FOUND BY FORTITUDE...

* KNUX MET SIR CONNERY LAST ISSUE! -- ED

UNRAVELING THE HOLY KNIGHT'S CRYPTIC CLUES, THE HEROIC ECHIDNA VAINLY SEARCHES THE NUMEROUS CAVERNS OF HIS FLOATING ISLAND HOME.



KNUCKLES QUEST 4:

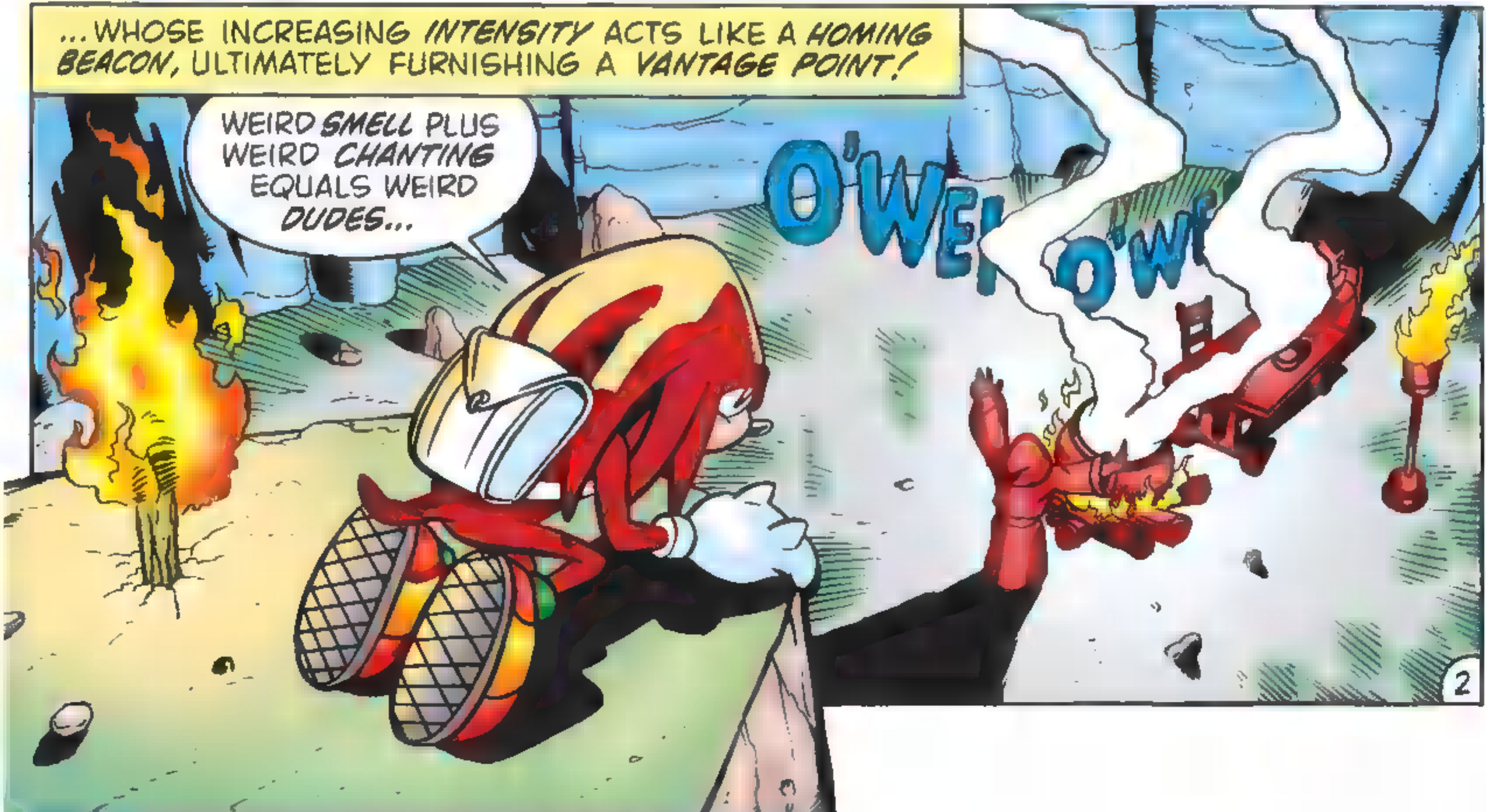
A GOAT, A RAVEN AND A SWAN SONG!

...CAN SOMETIMES BE DISCOVERED BY CIRCUMSTANCE...

WHOA! GUESS I SHOULD HEED THOSE OLD WARNINGS--

--WATCH THAT FIRST STEP AND "BEWARE OF SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET!"

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... AND THOSE WEIRDOS LOOK LIKE
THE WIZARD AND ALCHEMIST THE ANCIENT
WALKERS WARNED ME ABOUT! *

* BACK IN SONIC #42 -- ED

"BASED ON WHERE I FOUND
THEM, I'LL BET THEY'RE
ALSO-- MATHIAS POE AND
DAMOCLES THE ELDER!"

THAT REFLECTION IS SHORT-LIVED,
AS THE SAME CIRCUMSTANCE THAT
BROUGHT KNUCKLES HERE ALSO
COMPROMISES HIS STRATEGIC POSITION

TIME FOR A LITTLE
SUR-PRIZE ATT--

WHO!

